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February 2021

Memo To: HPSD School Administrators and School Council Committee members

Time Sensitive: Please add to your February/March School Council Meeting

Alberta School Councils' Association Annual Conference – April 23-25, 2021 (Virtual vent)

HPSD will provide funding for Conference Event Passes for 2 representatives from each of the school councils. The councils will need to provide HPSD Learning Support Centre with the attached, completed registration forms so that we may register and pay for the event on their behalf. Please see below.

The registration forms are to be sent **by March 30** to scharest@hpsd.ca, or via school truck mail or Canada Post to:

HPSD Learning Support Centre
Box 870
High Prairie, AB T0G 1E0
Attn: Sue Charest

IN ADDITION: The school division also provides each council with up to \$350.00 per school year for professional development activities. This can be used to offset expenses (travel & subsistence) for school council members attending Professional Development activities. See the attached "School Council Request for Reimbursement of PD Expenses" which must be submitted by May 31 along with paid receipt(s). **This request must be authorized and submitted by a School Council Executive** on behalf of the participant. Please submit Reimbursement Request to HPSD Learning Support Centre Attention: Candace Barber or via email to cbarber@hpsd.ca

A **Council of School Councils (COSC)** meeting will be held prior to the ASCA AGM to review the resolutions that will come up at the AGM. Trustees will also be discussing the resolutions at your upcoming school council meeting.

We hope to see all school councils represented at this year's virtual COSC meeting. Once a date has been set, you will be notified.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

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Alberta School Councils' Association
2021 Conference and AGM – April 23-25, 2021

Virtual via Zoom

Phone: 1-800-661-3470 (ASCA)

Send this form to scharest@hpsd.ca before March 31

Please note: Delegates are responsible for registering and paying for their own pre and/or post conference sessions. You may be reimbursed by HPSD through your School Council if PD funds are available and the sessions qualify as PD.

I will be attending:

☐ Conference and AGM (Apr 23-25) ☐ Conference only (Apr 23-24) ☐ AGM only (April 25)

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| First Name: | | Last Name: | |
| Email Address: | | Primary phone number: | |
| Mailing Address: <i>Delegate Bags will still sent by mail</i> | | Town: | Postal Code: |
| Role in Education | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Trustee <input type="checkbox"/> Principal <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher <input type="checkbox"/> Superintendent | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (identify) _____ | | | |
| Annual General Meeting (AGM) – Sunday, April 25 8 am to 4 pm | | | |
| I am attending AGM as the voting member for the school council. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | | | |
| Each ASCA Member School Council carries ONE vote at the AGM. There is no limit on how many parents from a Member School Council can attend. * There is no charge for the (1) designated (Credentialed) voting parent delegate. Note – if the designated voting parent name needs to be changed at a later date, please contact us at tracyr@albertaschoolcouncils.ca | | | |

Consent to send Commercial Electronic Messages

This represents express consent for the Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) to send Commercial Electronic Messages (CEM) to me: *for the purpose(s) of education news, updates and association business, *from the Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA), it's employees, directors, and general email address of parents@albertaschoolcouncils.ca; and * I may withdraw my consent at any time by contacting jolainek@albertaschoolcouncils.ca

Privacy Agreement * It is understood that the information provided will only be utilized by ASCA, for event management purposes and record(s) keeping as required.)

I agree to the above Commercial Electronic (CEM) statement

Initial if you agree: _____ (must agree to complete online registration)

Photo Release

Photos will be taken at the event. **It is the responsibility of the individual to identify themselves to the registration staff on site if they do not wish photographs to be taken and/or released.**

I agree to the above Photo Consent statement*

Initial if you agree: _____ (must agree to complete online registration)

Pre-Session Tickets

Participants are responsible to purchase their own.

Please visit the ASCA site to register and pay for Friday Pre-session tickets only.

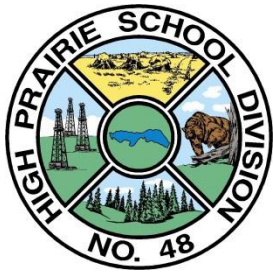
Contact Sue Charest (scharest@hpsd.ca) if you require more information.

Friday Pre-session *Price: \$60.00 for ASCA Member - \$75.00 Non Member*

Substitutions/Cancellations

Refunds are subject to a 5% service charge fee. NO refunds issued after April 16, 2021. Delegate substitution is accepted after April 16th with a \$15 charge.

Please contact Sue Charest **before April 16** if you need to cancel. (scharest@hpsd.ca or 780-523-9519)



High Prairie School Division No. 48

School Council

Request for Reimbursement of PD Expenses

School Council: _____

PD Activity Name: _____ Date(s) Attended: _____

PARTICIPANT / PAYEE INFORMATION

Name: _____
(First) (Last)

Address: _____
(Box No / Street)

(Town) (Prov) (Postal Code) (Phone Number)

EXPENSES: The above named individual has provided receipts (MUST BE ATTACHED) and wishes reimbursement of the following expenses for PD activity:

| Expense: | Amount | Comments |
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| Accommodations | | |
| Meals | | |
| Other | | |
| Other | | |
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| Total: | | |

Note: Total PD expense reimbursements cannot exceed \$350 per year for your School Council.

AUTHORIZATIONS:

Participant

Date

School Council Executive

Date

Secretary Treasurer

Date

The Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) is pleased to present the 2021 annual conference and general meeting ONLINE, utilizing Zoom video conferencing and the EventMobi web platform (*desktop and mobile applications*).

Suitable for desktop, laptops, tablets, and smart phones, participants can join from a PC, Mac, iOS or Android device.

The 2021 virtual event will consider “School Council: Leading with Purpose”, promoting the work of school council in the school community to benefit student success.

Providing development sessions, information sharing and resources for the school community, the event offers opportunity to engage in provincial education and network with others on school council.

SCHOOL COUNCILS CONFERENCE

Annual General Meeting

23.24.25
APRIL
2021

VIRTUAL Event



Hosting up to 500, attendees include parents, community members, students, teachers, principals, superintendents, and school board trustees, as well as government and organizations in education.

The online event is presented over three days, starting Friday at 12 noon until 5 pm, Saturday 8:45 am to 5:15 pm, and Sunday 8 am to 4 pm.

Over 30 breakout sessions, keynotes and plenary presentations are scheduled, prior to the business meeting day and election of the ASCA Board of Directors.

The EventMobi web platform provides an engaging, interactive online experience, offering attendees networking and communication features with Direct Messaging, 1:1 Video Meetings, Group Discussions, in-session Chat, Q&A, live polling, photo sharing, and game point challenges.

Two 2-hour pre-conference session workshops are offered on Friday morning at 9:30 am.

Three post-conference sessions are scheduled for Saturday evening at 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

A virtual Trade Show is included, exhibiting over 40 vendors with products, services and resources relevant to schools, communities and fundraising associations.

A variety of PRIZES are available to be won, by visiting the Trade Show, entering draws, challenges and contest activities!

Online registration opens at noon on February 15, 2021. Visit www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca



Alberta School Councils 2021 VIRTUAL Conference & Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Friday April 23 • Saturday April 24 • Sunday April 25

Event Schedule at a Glance



Event Registration Fees

Friday April 23

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| 9:30 am - 11:30 am | Pre-conference Sessions |
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Conference

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| 12:00 pm | Opening, Partner Greetings |
| 12:30 pm | Education Ministry Address |
| 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm | Trade Show & Prize Draws |
| 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm | Breakout Sessions |
| 3:45 pm - 5:00 pm | Conversation Exchange |

Saturday April 24

Conference

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| 8:45 am | Welcome, Elder Blessing |
| 9:00 am - 10:00 am | Breakout Sessions |
| 10:15 am | Keynote Speaker |
| 11:00 am | Trade Show & Prize Draws |
| 11:45 am - 12:30 pm | Lunch Break |
| 12:30 pm – 1:15 pm | Plenary Presentation |
| 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm | Breakout Sessions |
| 2:30 pm – 3:15 pm | Trade Show & Prize Draws |
| 3:15 pm - 4:15 pm | Breakout Sessions |
| 4:30 pm - 5:15 pm | Plenary and Closing |

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| 6:30 – 8:00 pm | Post-conference Sessions |
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Sunday April 25

Annual General Meeting

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| 8:00 am - 9:00 am | Opening, Candidate Speeches |
| 9:00 am - 12:00 pm | Business Meeting |
| 12:00 pm - 12:45 pm | Lunch Break |
| 12:45 pm - 4:00 pm | Meeting, Board Elections |

**NOTE - schedule may be subject to change.*

Registration Fees

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| \$60 Members | Pre-conference Sessions |
| \$75 Non-members | April 23 9:30 - 11:30 am |

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| \$95 Parents on ASCA Member School Councils | Conference Friday April 23 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm & Saturday April 24 8:45 am – 5:15 pm |
| \$195 Division Administration and School Board Trustees sponsoring ASCA membership | |
| \$250 Non-members | |

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| \$0 no charge for Conference or AGM Registrants | Post-conference Sessions April 24 6:30 – 8:00 pm |
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| \$25 ASCA School Council Members | Annual General Meeting Sunday April 25 8:00 am – 4:00 pm |
| \$0 for 1 parent voting delegate* | <i>Each ASCA Member School Council carries ONE vote at the AGM.</i> |
| \$50 District member sponsored Reps | <i>There is no limit on how many parents from a Member School Council can attend.</i> |
| \$85 Non-members | <i>* There is no charge for the (1) designated (Credentialed) voting parent delegate</i> |

**Registration deadline is 5 pm
on Friday, April 16, 2021.**



Advocacy



Parents bring a valuable perspective to the establishment and review of provincial goals for education and the success of all students.

ASCA advocates on behalf of member school council parents with the Education Ministry to affect positive change in Alberta schools.



What is Advocacy?

The act of recommending support for a particular cause or idea.

Advocacy?



What is Advocacy Policy?

A set of guiding position, or belief statements of an organization.



Why is there Advocacy Policy?

Organizational position statements are presented when contributing perspectives at provincial committee work.



How is Advocacy Policy created?

Members of an organization bring resolutions to the annual general meeting for voting consideration. Resolutions passed become Advocacy Policies, or belief statements, of the association.

What is a Resolution?

An expression of concern, intention or undertaking of interest.

Resolution?

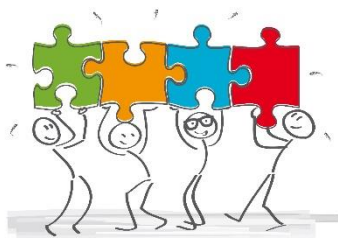


What is the Advocacy Resolutions process?

At school council meetings, issues are identified affecting ECS-12 students that parents would like to see changed.

Parents on school council submit a *Proposed Advocacy Resolution* for consideration at the ASCA Annual General Meeting.





Resolutions that receive majority support from voting parent school council members at the AGM become belief statements, or directives for action, and form Advocacy Policy of the association.

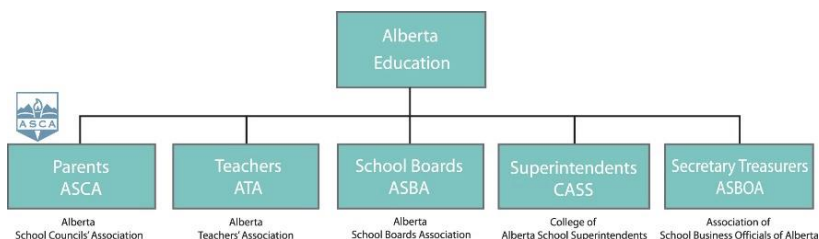


Advocacy Policy is the direction, or guiding statements of an association and represents the views of members.

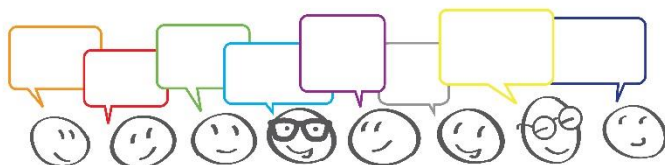
These views are expressed at advisory committee tables when ASCA is invited to work with government, the Education Ministry and other groups in provincial education.



Advocacy Policies are utilized at provincial education advisory committees and presented as the collective voice, or perspective, of parents on school councils in Alberta.



Voting is your Voice



Membership in ASCA is the opportunity to be involved, to be heard, and make a difference in public education.

Parents on school council shape the future of Alberta's public education system with input through advocacy resolutions and voting at the ASCA AGM.

Resolutions passed into policy at the AGM form the association perspective as presented to Alberta government and organizations in provincial education.

All school councils with current ASCA membership are eligible to submit *Proposed Advocacy Resolutions* and send parent representatives to vote on behalf of the school council at the ASCA Annual General Meeting.



Student Success